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Dear 7<sup>th</sup> District Community Leader:

I write to provide an update on the fiscal year (FY) 2023 federal appropriations process and make your organization aware of the services my office can provide.

One of my top priorities in Congress is to ensure that the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Arizona receives our fair share of federal resources. Since coming to Congress in 2015, I have advocated for federal program funding that benefits students, veterans, businesses, transit, health centers, job training programs, and more in the Valley. I am more effective in this work when I hear from local organizations like yours on how federal programs can be put to good use to serve our community. To that end, last year, Congress established a new Community Project Funding (CPF) program. I am proud that all 10 of the projects I requested on behalf of our community were signed into law as part of the FY 2022 omnibus package. This will bring **\$8.6 million** in federal funding to the 7<sup>th</sup> District. You can read more about the projects [here](#). You can also find a list of all FY 2022 funded projects [here](#).

I am excited to inform you that Congress will once again be accepting Community Project Funding (CPF) requests. Members of Congress will be allowed to submit up to **15** limited and narrowly tailored requests to set aside funds within specific federal accounts (see Appendix A) for public institutions, localities, states, Tribes, or non-profits. The House Appropriations Committee, which manages this process, has created stringent eligibility requirements for interested requesters. The Committee will be limiting total Community Project Funding to no more than 1 percent of discretionary spending, and maximum project amounts will vary by account. Despite the limited nature of this new program, I am excited for the opportunity to work with local leaders like yourself to secure congressionally directed spending in Arizona's 7<sup>th</sup> District for the first time in a decade.

My office will be accepting preliminary CPF submissions for consideration until close of business on **April 15, 2022**. To ensure that there is time to properly vet your request, I urge you to fill out our office's [Community Project Funding Request Form](#) at the first possible opportunity. After your submission, my staff will follow up with further questions about your project or to let you know if it has been selected for submission to the Appropriations Committee. In most cases, you can expect to learn whether your project has been selected for submission by the end of April.

Given the timing and eligibility constraints on the CPF program, the strongest applications will be from entities that previously submitted or are currently prepared to submit an agency grant application for one of the CPF-eligible federal programs this year. However, previous agency grant application submissions within the CPF-eligible programs are not a prerequisite for applying for a CPF request through my office. If you have questions about the process for submitting a CPF request or whether your project is a good candidate for the program, please contact my office by emailing [AZ07communityprojects@mail.house.gov](mailto:AZ07communityprojects@mail.house.gov).

In addition to the CPF program, I am able to submit more general appropriations requests to ensure that programs that are important to the 7<sup>th</sup> District are fully funded and well-run. The form for submitting those programmatic and language requests can be found on my website [here](#). I also wanted to ensure you are aware that, even outside of CPF requests, my office can provide letters of support for applications for federal funding you may seek. Should you ever need assistance, please reach out to my Phoenix office by calling 602-256-0551.

I hope this information is useful and that you will stay in close touch with my office so that we may together continue to serve the people of Arizona's 7th Congressional District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruben Gallego', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ruben Gallego  
Member of Congress

## Appendix A.

Federal Programs eligible for CPF Requests are listed below by House Appropriations subcommittee. To be considered, the project must be legally eligible for grants under these accounts and comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations related to the specific grant program.

### Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

- Agricultural Research Service, Buildings and Facilities
- Rural Development, Rural Community Facility Grants
- Rural Utilities Service, ReConnect Grants
- Rural Utilities Service, Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants
- Natural Resources Conservation Service, Conservation Operations

### Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

- Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Scientific and Technical Research and Services
- Department of Commerce; National Institute of Standards and Technology; Construction of Research Facilities
- Department of Commerce; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities
- Department of Justice; Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)
- Department of Justice; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Technology and Equipment
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA); Safety, Security and Mission Services

### Subcommittee on Defense

- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Army
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Navy
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Air Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Space Force
- Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Defense-Wide

### Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies

- Army Corps of Engineers: Investigation
- Army Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Bureau of Reclamation: Mississippi River and Tributaries
- Army Corps of Engineers: Operations and Maintenance
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources
- Department of Energy, topics include:

- energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation
- cybersecurity, energy security, emergency response
- electricity, energy storage
- nuclear energy
- fossil energy, carbon management, critical minerals

#### Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund - New Construction, Major Repairs and Alterations, and Basic Repairs Accounts
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- Small Business Administration, Small Business Initiatives

#### Subcommittee on Homeland Security

- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Federal Assistance, Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grants
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Federal Assistance, Emergency Operations Center Grants

#### Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

- Save America's Treasures historic preservation projects within the National Park Service.
- Federal land acquisitions through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
- Environmental Protection Agency State and Tribal Assistance Grants for certain water infrastructure projects.
- Certain State and Private Forestry projects within the U.S. Forest Service

#### Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

- Department of Labor—Employment and Training Administration—Training and Employment Services
- Department of Health and Human Services—Health Resources and Services Administration—Program Management
- Department of Health and Human Services—Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration—Health Surveillance and Program Support
- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Children and Families—Children and Families Services Programs
- Department of Health and Human Services—Administration for Community Living—Aging and Disability Services Programs
- Department of Education—Innovation and Improvement
- Department of Education—Higher Education

#### Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

- Military Construction accounts under the Department of Defense:

- Army
- Navy and Marine Corps
- Air Force
- Space Force
- Defense-Wide
- Army National Guard
- Air National Guard
- Army Reserve
- Navy Reserve
- Air Force Reserve
- Accounts under the Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Construction, Minor Projects

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies

- Department of Transportation – Airport Improvement Program
- Department of Transportation – Highway Infrastructure Projects
- Department of Transportation – Transit Infrastructure Projects
- Department of Housing and Urban Development – Economic Development Initiatives

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs will not accept Community Project Funding requests in fiscal year 2023.